

**Claims**

1. An information terminal (1) which has at least a basic housing (2), a display screen (3), an input apparatus (4), a printing unit (6) for printing documents, an output apparatus (5) for outputting documents, and a return tray (12) for storing documents which are not removed from the output apparatus (5), characterized in that the return tray (12) has an associated module (14) for rendering illegible the information which is printed on the withdrawn documents.
2. The information terminal as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the module (14) is in the form of a shredding apparatus.
3. The information terminal as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the module (14) is in the form of a printing device for completely or partially blacking out the documents.
4. The information terminal as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the printing device used is an ink-jet printer, it also being possible to use colored ink.
5. The information terminal as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the printing device used is a thermal printing line (15).
6. The information terminal as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the thermal printing device used is a fixing station.
7. The information terminal as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that a separating apparatus is provided for separating a bundle of documents.
8. The information terminal as claimed in one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that the module (14) is

actuated and activated only when the documents contain sensitive data.

- 5 9. A printing unit for printing and supplying documents, having at least one document feed means (8), one or more transporting rollers (9), at least one printing station (7), an output apparatus (5), and a return tray (12) for storing documents which are not removed from the output apparatus (5), characterized in that the return tray (12) has an associated module (14) for rendering illegible the information which is printed on the withdrawn documents.
- 10 10. The printing unit as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the module (14) is in the form of a shredding apparatus.
- 15 11. The printing unit as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the module (14) is in the form of a printing device for completely or partially blacking out the documents.
- 20 12. The printing unit as claimed in claim 10, characterized in that the printing device used is an ink-jet printer, it also being possible to use colored ink.
- 25 13. The printing unit as claimed in claim 10, characterized in that the printing device used is a thermal printing line (15).
- 30 14. The printing unit as claimed in claim 10, characterized in that the thermal printing device used is a fixing station.
15. The printing unit as claimed in one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that a collection drum (11) is provided for forming a bundle of documents.
16. The printing unit as claimed in one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that a separating apparatus is provided for separating a bundle of documents.